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Preface

*Information available
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This reference aid, formatted as a weekly datebook for 1985, shows holidays and anniversary dates of historical events that are of known or potential significance for terrorists or for groups that engage in terrorism. It is intended to alert government analysts and policymakers concerned with terrorism to the potential for political violence as these dates approach.

Certain holidays and anniversaries hold special significance for some terrorist groups—especially those with an ethnic base. Such a group would be likely to time a terrorist operation to coincide with one of these dates.

Although significant dates have been included for almost every country, their citation is not intended to imply that terrorist attacks are to be expected on any of these dates. The dates are intended to serve as reference points should other information begin to accumulate indicating planning for organized violence.

Three types of dates are included:

- National holidays or important historical events.
- Dates of important terrorist attacks or counterterrorist successes.
- Dates known to be important to terrorists or insurgents, such as founding anniversaries, "martyrdoms," and trials.

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**December 1984–
January 1985**

Terrorism is politically motivated, premeditated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine state agents. International terrorist acts involve the citizens or territory of more than one country.

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31**Monday**

- Afghanistan 1964 People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan founded
 Nigeria 1983 Coup overthrows Shagari regime
 Philippines 1968 Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

1**Tuesday**

- Cameroon 1960 Independence Day
 Cuba 1959 Liberation Day (day Batista government fell)
 Haiti 1804 Independence Day
 Palestinians 1965 Palestinian revolution; founding of Fatah
 Sudan 1956 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)
 Western Samoa 1962 Independence Day

2**Wednesday**

- Tunisia 1984 Start of countrywide bread riots over removal of subsidies for bread and pasta

3

Thursday

4

Friday

Armenians	1984	Conviction of US citizen of Armenian descent for assassinating Turkish Consul General in Los Angeles on 28 January 1982
Burma	1948	Independence Day
	1974	Constitution of socialist republic adopted

5

Saturday

Laos	1956	Founding of Lao Patriotic Front
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January 1985

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7

Monday

Cambodia

1979

Vietnamese invasion overthrows Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot

8

Tuesday

South Africa

1912

Founding of African National Congress (ANC)

9

Wednesday

Panama

1964

Martyrs' Day (day of mourning commemorating anti-US riots)

10

Thursday

11

Friday

Albania 1946 Proclamation of republic
Yugoslavia 1984 Suicide of two ethnic Albanian irredentists in Pristina, Kosovo, to avoid arrest

12

Saturday

Tanzania 1964 Zanzibar Revolution Day (people's republic established)

13

Sunday

Ghana 1972 National Redemption Day (anniversary of coup)
Togo 1967 Liberation Day (military coup)

January 1985

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14**Monday****15****Tuesday**

- Egypt 1918 Birthday of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir
 Ireland 1922 Founding of Irish Free State

16**Wednesday**

- Benin 1977 Liberation Day; Martyrs' Day (repulsion of invasion by mercenary troops from Gabon)
 Iran 1979 Shah-Burning Day (departure of Shah from Iran)

17

Thursday

Colombia 1974 Nineteenth of April Movement (M-19) steals sword of Simon Bolivar from Bogota Museum

18

Friday

Egypt, Israel 1974 Disengagement Agreement

19

Saturday

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Sunday

Guinea-Bissau 1973 National Heroes' Day (commemorating assassination of Amilcar Cabral, founder of ruling party—PAIGC)

Iran 1981 US Embassy hostages released

United States 1985 Presidential Inauguration Day

January 1985

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21**Monday**

United States 1985 Public celebration of presidential inauguration

22**Tuesday**

Iran	1946	Kurdish Republic Day
Kurdish regions	1945	Qazi Muhammed uprising
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1498	Discovery Day
Ukraine	1918	Independence Day

23**Wednesday**

24

Thursday

Romania

1859

Union Day

25

Friday

26

Saturday

India 1950 Republic Day

Romania 1918 Birthday of President Ceausescu

Tunisia 1978 Black Thursday (anniversary of labor riots)

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Sunday

**January-
February 1985**

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28**Monday**

- Australia 1788 Australia Day
 Cuba 1853 Birthday of Jose Marti
 Italy 1982 Freeing of Red Brigades' captive US Army Brigadier General Dozier
 Rwanda 1961 Proclamation of the republic

29**Tuesday****30****Wednesday**

- West Germany 1933 Accession to power by Nazi Party
 Northern Ireland 1972 Bloody Sunday (13 killed and 16 wounded during demonstration in Derry)

31

Thursday

Guatemala	1980	The People's Front of 31 January (FP-31), a front organization of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP), takes its name from this date, on which some of its members occupied the Spanish Embassy
Nauru	1968	Independence Day

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Friday

Iran	1979	Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris
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Saturday

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Sunday

February 1985

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4**Monday**

- Angola** 1961 Beginning of armed struggle against Portugal
Sri Lanka 1948 Independence Day

5**Tuesday**

- Burma** 1960 Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Revolution Day
Colombia 1958 Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN)

6**Wednesday**

- Lebanon** 1984 Fall of West Beirut to Muslim militias
Pakistan 1981 Founding of Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD)

7

Thursday

Grenada

1974

Independence Day

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Friday

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Saturday

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February 1985

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11**Monday**

- Iran 1979 Revolution Day; "Eleventh Dawn" (the 11th day of the revolution is considered the day of victory over the old regime)
- Italy, Vatican City 1929 Lateran Treaty signed (governs relationship between Italy (and Vatican City)
- Japan National Foundation Day

12**Tuesday**

- Burma 1947 Union Day

13**Wednesday**

- Cyprus 1975 Declaration of establishment of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
- Zaire 1961 Death of Patrice Lumumba

14

Thursday

15

Friday

Colombia

1966

Death of National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrilla leader and priest Camilo Torres

16

Saturday

Lithuanian SSR

1918

Independence Day

17

Sunday

Vietnam

1979

Invasion by Chinese troops

February 1985

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18**Monday**

The Gambia 1965 Independence Day

19**Tuesday**

Egypt, Israel	1980	Exchange of ambassadors
Nepal	1952	King Tribhuan Memorial Day
Poland	1947	People's republic established

20**Wednesday**

Burma	Karen New Year
Chinese world	Lunar New Year (beginning of Chinese year 4683, Year of the Ox)

21

Thursday

22

Friday

Qatar	1972	Coup d'etat that brought Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani to power
Romania	1948	Founding of Romanian Workers' Party
St. Lucia	1979	Independence Day

23

Saturday

Brunei	1984	National Day
Guyana	1970	Republic Day

24

Sunday

Czechoslovakia	1948	First Communist government
Ghana	1966	Liberation Day (overthrow of Nkrumah)

February-
March

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25**Monday**

- Kuwait 1948 Independence Day
 Pakistan 1985 National Assembly elections scheduled
 Suriname 1980 Day of Liberation and Renewal

26**Tuesday****27****Wednesday**

- Armenians 1984 Death of terrorist Gouger Migirdic Yanikian of Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA)
 Dominican Republic 1844 Independence Day
 Western Sahara 1976 Anniversary of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (Polisario government-in-exile)

28

Thursday

El Salvador

1977

Founding of the Popular League of 28 February (LP-28), commemorating the killing by security forces of leftists demonstrating in San Salvador against alleged election fraud

1

Friday

Bulgaria

1878

Independence Day

2

Saturday

El Salvador

1972

Founding of People's Revolutionary Army (ERP)

Libya

1977

Establishment of Jamahiriyyah (Masses' State)

Morocco

1956

Independence Day (termination of Treaty of Fez)

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Sunday

Morocco

1961

Accession of King Hassan to throne

March 1985

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Colombia

1982

Effective date of United States-Colombia extradition treaty

Monday

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Tuesday

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Ghana

1957

Independence Day

Kurdish regions

1975

Algerian Accord between Iran and Iraq abandoning support of the Kurds

Wednesday

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Kurdish regions

1979

Death of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani

March 1985

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Monday

12

Tuesday

Mauritius 1968 Independence Day
Turkey 1880 Birthday of Ataturk

13

Wednesday

Grenada 1979 Coup d'etat by Maurice Bishop

14

Thursday

Japan

1975

Chukaku-ha (Nucleus Faction) Secretary General Honda assassinated by rival radical groups

15

Friday

Angola

1962

Founding of National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA)

16

Saturday

Armenians

1921

Signing of Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing a separate independent state

17

Sunday

Ireland

St. Patrick's Day (Ireland's national day)

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Wednesday

Colombia 1981 Death of M-19 terrorist Carmenza Londono ("La Chiqui")
Tunisia 1956 Independence Day

21**Thursday**

Kurdish regions		Kurdish New Year
Palestinians		"International Day of Solidarity With the Struggle of the Arab People of Palestine Against Israeli Aggressors"
South Africa	1960	"Sharpeville Massacre" of black demonstrators by security forces

22**Friday**

Arab League	1945	Founding of Arab League (original members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Syria)
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23**Saturday**

Pakistan	1956	Pakistan Day (founding of Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
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24**Sunday**

Argentina	1976	President Isabel Peron ousted by Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla
El Salvador	1980	Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero assassinated by rightists
Northern Ireland	1972	Beginning of direct rule by the British Government

March 1985

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25**Monday**

- El Salvador 1980 US Embassy attacked by Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) in response to assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero the previous day; since then, FPL attacks have in general been more frequent between 25 March and 6 April than during rest of year
- Greece 1821 Greek Revolution Memorial Day (celebrating beginning of independence from Turkey)
- Iraq 1932 Independence Day
- Saudi Arabia 1975 Assassination of King Faisal and accession of King Khalid

26**Tuesday**

- Bangladesh 1971 Independence Day
- Egypt, Israel 1978 Peace agreement ratified

27**Wednesday**

28

Thursday

El Salvador	1980	Government expropriates plantations; Salvation Movement of 28 March (MS-28) takes its name from this event
Italy	1980	Four members of Red Brigades die in shootout with Carabinieri in Genoa
Libya	1970	UK Evacuation Day (day British forces turned over bases and departed)
Palestinians		National Day

29

Friday

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Saturday

Palestinians	1976	Day of the Homeland
Turkey	1974	Death of terrorist Mahir Cayan, member of Turkish People's Liberation Party

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Sunday

Brazil	1964	President Goulart ousted by military coup
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1**Monday**

- Armenians** The month of April is dedicated by Armenian groups to the memory of the massacre of Armenians by Turks during 1915-18
- Cyprus** 1955 EOKA (National Organization of the Cypriot Struggle) Day (beginning of guerrilla struggle for Greek Cypriot independence)
- El Salvador** 1970 Founding of Popular Liberation Forces (FPL)
1980 US Cultural Center in San Salvador bombed and strafed by FPL
1981 Rocket and gun attack on US Embassy by FPL

2**Tuesday**

- Argentina, United Kingdom** 1982 Argentina invades Falklands; 2 April Command takes its name from this event
- Iran** 1979 Islamic Republic Day

3**Wednesday**

- Guinea** 1984 Coup d'etat

4 Thursday

Hungary	1945	Liberation Day
NATO	1950	NATO established
Pakistan	1979	Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed; the Pakistani terrorist group Al-Zulfikar is named for him
Senegal	1960	Independence Day
Syria	1947	Founding of Ba'th Party

5 Friday

6 Saturday

Jewish world		<i>Pesach</i> (first day of Passover)
Philippines	1978	Anti-Marcos demonstration; the terrorist group April 6 Liberation Movement takes its name from this event
Thailand		Chakri Day (founding of Thai royal dynasty)

7 Sunday

Christian world		Easter Sunday
Ireland	1916	Beginning of insurrection that led to independence
Libya	1976	Student revolution
Yugoslavia	1963	Republic Day (adoption of current constitution)

April 1985

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Wednesday

Israel, Lebanon 1973 Israeli raid on Beirut
Yugoslavia 1941 Proclamation of Croatian independence

11**Thursday****Uganda** 1979 Liberation Day (fall of Idi Amin)

12**Friday****Liberia** 1980 National Redemption Day (celebrates coup overthrowing Tolbert government)

13**Saturday**

International	Solar New Year (Buddhist, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Hindu, Sikh, Sinhalese, and Tamil cultures)
Jewish world	Last day of Passover
Lebanon	1975 Phalange militiamen attack bus, triggering Lebanese Civil War

14**Sunday**

Orthodox Greeks	Easter Sunday
Hungary	1849 Independence Day
Latin America	1890 Pan-American Day (first international conference of American states)
Niger	1974 Accession of President Kountche
Spain	1931 Founding of Second Republic
Togo	1967 Assumption of presidency by Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema

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15**Monday**

- Ireland 1916 Easter Uprising
 North Korea 1912 Birthday of Kim Il Sung

16**Tuesday**

- Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinian Prisoners' Day

17**Wednesday**

- Cambodia 1975 Liberation Day (Khmer Rouge victory)
 Cuba 1961 Air Defense Day (Air Force success against Bay of Pigs invaders)
 Libya, United Kingdom 1984 Libyan radicals fire on protesters outside People's Bureau in London, killing a police-woman and wounding 11 others; start of siege by British security forces
 Syria 1946 Independence Day

18**Thursday**

Ireland	1949	Inauguration of the republic
Israel		Commemoration of the Holocaust
Lebanon	1983	US Embassy bombed by Islamic Jihad
Panama, United States	1978	US ratification of Panama Canal Treaty
Zimbabwe	1980	Independence Day

19**Friday**

Colombia	1970	On this day the populist National Popular Alliance (ANAPO) does poorly in national elections. Three years later, ANAPO extremists found the 19th of April Movement (M-19) to try to take by force what they could not gain by ballot
Cuba	1961	Day of Victory at Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs)
Namibia	1960	Founding of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)
Sierra Leone	1971	Proclamation of the republic
South Korea	1960	Unrest triggered by student uprising forces President Syngman Rhee to resign and leave the country. Usually commemorated by student demonstrations

20**Saturday****21****Sunday**

Greece	1967	National Resistance Day (anniversary of military coup)
Haiti	1971	Jean Claude Duvalier installed as president for life upon death of his father, Francois Duvalier

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Wednesday

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| Armenians | 1915 | National Day of Sorrow (commemorating Turkish massacre) |
| Dominican Republic | 1965 | Beginning of civil war |
| The Gambia | 1970 | Republic Day |
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25**Thursday**

Egypt, Israel	1982	Sinai Day (Israeli withdrawal)
Italy	1945	Liberation Day
Portugal	1974	Revolution Day; Liberty Day (celebrates military coup that overthrew rightist government and paved the way for democratically elected government). Leftwing terrorist group Popular Forces of 25 April (FP-25) takes its name from this date
Swaziland	1967	Kingdom constituted

26**Friday**

Jordan	1949	Transjordan becomes Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Tanzania	1964	United Republic of Tanzania formed through union of Republic of Tanganyika and People's Republic of Zanzibar

27**Saturday**

Afghanistan	1978	Conservative Daoud regime ousted by leftwing coup
Australia	1945	Second Republic established
Sierra Leone	1961	Independence Day
Togo	1960	Independence Day

28**Sunday**

Colombia	1983	Death in plane crash of M-19 leader Jaime Bateman
Dominican Republic	1965	US military intervention
Iraq	1937	Birthday of Saddam Hussein

**April-
May 1985**

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Monday

Colombia 1967 Founding of People's Liberation Army (EPL)

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Tuesday

Guatemala	1981	Bombing of storage tank of US oil company in Guatemala City by FP-31
	1982	Bombing of US fast-food restaurant in Guatemala City by FP-31
United Kingdom	1980	Iranian Embassy seized by radicals; hostages eventually rescued by Special Air Service team
Vietnam	1975	North Vietnamese capture Saigon

1

Wednesday

El Salvador	The first week of May contains several dates of import to leftwing and rightwing elements; consequently, political violence tends to peak during this period
Peru	Destruction of electoral material in Chuschi, Cangallo Province, marks beginning of armed struggle by Sendero Luminoso; anniversary is commemorated throughout May
Socialist world	May Day

2

Thursday

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine cruiser Belgrano sunk by British naval forces in Falklands war
Jordan	1953	King Hussein assumes constitutional power

3

Friday

4

Saturday

5

Sunday

Ethiopia	1941	Liberation Day
Netherlands	1945	Liberation Day
Northern Ireland	1981	Death of Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) member Bobby Sands in hunger strike
Paraguay	1954	Coup against elected government of President Federico Chavez by Gen. Alfredo Stroessner Mattiauda
West Germany	1955	West Germany becomes member of NATO

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Monday

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Tuesday

8

Wednesday

- Czechoslovakia 1945 Liberation Day
 East Germany 1945 Liberation Day
 El Salvador 1979 Police fire into crowd on steps of San Salvador cathedral who are demonstrating solidarity with leftwing activists that had occupied French and Costa Rican Embassies on 4 May; at least 25 demonstrators are killed
 Libya 1984 Armed dissidents attack Qadhafi's Aziziyah barracks
 West Germany 1945 Capitulation of Third Reich
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9 Thursday

Albania	1945	Victory Day
Poland	1945	Victory Day
Romania	1881	Independence Day
USSR	1945	Victory Day
West Germany	1976	Suicide in prison of Ulrike Meinhof, founding member of Red Army Faction (RAF)
Yugoslavia	1945	Victory Day

10 Friday

Jordan		Arab Resistance Day
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11 Saturday

Chile	1983	Anti-Pinochet protests put down forcefully by government
	1984	Wave of bombings against government targets

12 Sunday

May 1985

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13**Monday**

Vatican City 1981 Attempt on life of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Agca

14**Tuesday**

Israel	1948	Republic Day (declaration of independence)
Middle East	1948	Beginning of first Arab-Israeli War
Paraguay	1811	Independence Day

15**Wednesday**

Palestinians	1948	Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); 15 May Organization, founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes its name from this event
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Thursday

17

Friday

Norway 1814 Constitution Day (independence day)

18

Saturday

Northern Ireland 1981 Death of Provisional IRA hunger striker Raymond McCreesh
Peru 1980 Beginning of Sendero Luminoso armed struggle
South Korea 1980 Civilian uprising in Kwangju against military rule. Usually marked by student demonstrations

19

Sunday

Cuba 1895 Death of Jose Marti
Vietnam Ho Chi Minh's birthday

May 1985

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20

Monday

- Cameroon 1972 Declaration of republic
Saudi Arabia 1927 Independence Day
Western Sahara 1973 Polisario begins armed struggle

21

Tuesday

- Muslim world *Ramadan* (month of fasting) begins

22

Wednesday

- Sri Lanka 1972 Republic Day

23**Thursday**

China	1951	Tibet declared to be under Chinese sovereignty
West Germany	1949	Proclamation of federal republic

24**Friday**

25**Saturday**

Africa	1963	African Freedom Day; Day of Africa (founding of Organization of African Unity)
Argentina	1810	Beginning of revolution against Spain
Bermuda	1967	Bermuda Day (Constitution adopted)
Colombia	1965	Founding of Communist Party of Colombia/Marxist-Leninist (PCC/ML), the now-defunct parent organization of the terrorist group People's Liberation Army (EPL)
Jordan	1923 1946	Independence Day Constitutional monarchy established
Sudan	1969	May Revolution (coup by General Nimeiri and Revolutionary Council)
Yugoslavia	1892	Birthday of Josip Broz Tito

26**Sunday**

Guyana	1966	Independence Day
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**May-
June 1985**

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Buddhist world

Birthday of Gautama Buddha

Monday

28

France, French Caribbean 1983

Caribbean Revolutionary Alliance (ARC) surfaces with 17 coordinated bombings

Tuesday

29

Wednesday

30 Thursday

Afghanistan	1919	Independence from Great Britain achieved
Bangladesh	1981	Assassination of Ziaur Rahman
Dominican Republic	1961	Liberty Day (assassination of Gen. Raphael Trujillo)
Israel	1972	Massacre at Lod Airport by members of Japanese Red Army
Nigeria	1967	Declaration of Independence by Biafra

31 Friday

South Africa	1910	Union Day (four provinces merged to form Union of South Africa)
	1961	Proclamation of republic

1 Saturday

Cameroon	1972	Proclamation of republic
Greece	1973	Proclamation of republic
Kenya	1963	Madaraka Day (beginning of self-government)
Palestinians	1976	During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies; in response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group (then based in Iraq) the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets

2 Sunday

Italy	1946	Date of referendum in which Italian voters chose republican form of government
West Germany	1967	Leftist student Benno Ohnesorg killed during demonstration in West Berlin. The terrorist group 2 June Movement (remnants of which eventually joined the Red Army Faction—RAF) takes its name from this incident

June 1985

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3**Monday**

4**Tuesday**

- Ghana 1979 Jerry Rawlings takes power for the first time
 Israel, Lebanon 1982 First Israeli bombing of Beirut
 Tonga 1970 Independence Day

5**Wednesday**

- Egypt 1975 Reopening of Suez Canal
 Honduras 1965 Constitutional republic reestablished
 Middle East 1967 Beginning of Six-Day War
 Seychelles 1977 Liberation Day (overthrow of President Mancham by Albert Rene)
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Thursday

India	1984	Army storms Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar
Israel, Lebanon	1982	Israeli forces invade Lebanon

7

Friday

Cbd	1982	Hissene Habre seizes N'djamena
Greece	1975	Republican constitution adopted

8

Saturday

Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sa'iq (Thunderbolt)
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Sunday

Oman	1965	Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) begins armed struggle
South Africa	1983	Three African National Congress (ANC) terrorists hanged
Sudan	1969	Proclamation of southern autonomy

June 1985

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10**Monday**

- Argentina 1829 Malvinas Day (date from which Argentina claims sovereignty over Falklands)
 Portugal Portugal Day

11**Tuesday**

- Libya 1970 Evacuation Day (transfer of US bases)

12**Wednesday**

- Hungary 1948 Founding of Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party
 Philippines 1898 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

13**Thursday**

North Yemen	1974	Coup by Col. Ibrahim al-Hamidi (accession of Second Corrective Movement)
Saudi Arabia	1982	Death of King Khalid and accession of King Fahd

14**Friday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine surrender ends Falklands conflict
El Salvador	1975	Founding of Armed Forces of National Resistance (FARN)

15**Saturday**

El Salvador	1979	Communist Party, under Soviet and Cuban pressure, adopts policy of armed struggle; its fighting elements are called Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL)
Japan, United States	1960	Signing of Japan-United States Security Treaty. Violent protests by leftist opponents of the treaty were common on this date through the 1960s
Nicaragua	1979	Somoza regime National Guard kills 185 insurrectionists near US Embassy

16**Sunday**

South Africa	1976	Riots in Soweto
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17**Monday**

- France 1983 Mysterious disappearance of Corsican separatist leader Guy Orsoni
 East and West Germany 1953 Berlin uprising
 Iceland 1944 Independence Day (anniversary of establishment of republic)

18**Tuesday**

- Egypt 1953 Evacuation Day (anniversary of proclamation of republic)

19**Wednesday**

- Algeria 1965 Revolutionary Recovery Day (overthrow of Ahmed Ben Bella)
 Kuwait 1961 Independence Day

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Muslim world

Id al-Fitr (end of *Ramadan*)

Thursday

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Friday

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South Yemen

1969

Coup by National Liberation Front

Saturday

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Luxembourg

National Day

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24**Monday**

Spain

King's Day

25**Tuesday**

- North and South Korea 1950 North Korea invades South Korea, beginning Korean war
- Mozambique 1964 Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO)
- 1975 Independence Day

26**Wednesday**

- Madagascar 1960 Independence Day
- Somalia 1960 Independence Day (northern region)

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Djibouti

1977

Independence Day

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Seychelles

1976

Independence Day

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Zaire

1960

Independence Day

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July 1985

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1**Monday**

- Argentina 1974 Death of President Juan Peron
 Burundi, Rwanda 1962 Independence Day
 Canada 1867 Dominion Day
 Ghana 1960 Republic Day
 Peru Since 1980, for unknown reasons, Sendero Luminoso terrorists have attacked foreign targets during July at a rate roughly triple that of the rest of the year
 Somalia 1960 Republic Day; Independence Day (southern region)

2**Tuesday**

- Vietnam 1976 Unification of North and South Vietnam into Socialist Republic of Vietnam

3**Wednesday**

4**Thursday**

Israel, Uganda, Palestinians	1976	Israeli raid on airport at Entebbe frees hostages from PFLP skyjackers
Philippines	1946	Republic Day (date on which Philippines became independent republic)
United States	1776	Independence Day

5**Friday**

Algeria	1962	Independence Day
Cape Verde	1975	Independence Day
Pakistan	1977	Coup by Gen. Zia Ul-Haq (over-throwing the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)
Rwanda	1973	Coup by Maj. Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana inaugurates Second Republic
Venezuela	1811	Independence Day

6**Saturday**

Comoros	1975	Declaration of Independence
Malawi	1964	Independence Day
	1966	Republic Day

7**Sunday**

Equatorial Guinea	1973	National Day (based on constitution that granted virtually unlimited powers to President Macie; constitution was abrogated when he was overthrown by his nephew, Colonel Obiang)
Solomon Islands	1978	Independence Day
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Serbia)

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Tuesday

Argentina 1816 Independence Day
Morocco 1929 Birthday of King Hassan II

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The Bahamas 1973 Independence Day
Mauritania 1978 Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup)

11

Thursday

Mongolia 1921 Revolution Day (celebrates independence from China)

12

Friday

Kiribati 1979 Independence Day
Northern Ireland 1690 Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne)
Sao Tome and Principe 1975 Independence Day

13

Saturday

Yugoslavia Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Montenegro)

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Sunday

France 1789 Bastille Day
Iraq 1958 Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic)

July 1985

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15**Monday**

- Cyprus 1974 Coup by Greek Army officers
- Italy 1983 Four members of Italian counterterrorist team convicted of mistreating Red Brigades prisoners captured during rescue of General Dozier

16**Tuesday****17****Wednesday**

- Afghanistan 1973 Republic Day (date Muhammad Daoud led military coup overthrowing his cousin King Zahir Shah and establishing republic)
- Colombia 1930 Founding of Communist Party
- Iraq 1968 Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup)

18**Thursday**

Spain	1936	Uprising Day (beginning of civil war); Generalissimo Franco's Day
Uruguay	1830	Proclamation of republic

19**Friday**

Nicaragua	1979	Sandinista provisional Junta of National Reconstruction assumes office
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20**Saturday**

Colombia	1810	Independence Day
Cyprus	1974	Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces)
Sri Lanka	1983	Sinhalese backlash sparked by terrorist acts of extremist Tamil separatists leaves hundreds of Tamils dead and thousands homeless

21**Sunday**

Belgium	1831	Independence Day
Northern Ireland	1972	Bloody Friday—20 Provisional IRA bombings in Belfast kill 11 and injure 120

July 1985

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22**Monday**

- Poland** 1944 Liberation Day
 1952 People's republic established
- Sudan** 1971 Countercoup ousts Communists and restores Nimeiri as head of government
- Yugoslavia** Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Slovenia)

23**Tuesday**

- Egypt, Libya** 1952 Military coup ousts King Farouk
- Greece** 1974 Resignation of military junta; return of government to civilian rule
- Oman** 1970 Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos

24**Wednesday**

- Ecuador, Venezuela** 1783 Birthday of Simon Bolivar

25		Thursday
Netherlands	1648	Independence Day
Sri Lanka	1983	Killing of Tamil prisoners in Colombo's Welikade jail exacerbates communal hatred
Tunisia	1957	Proclamation of republic
26		Friday
Argentina	1952	Death of Eva Peron
Cuba	1953	Day of National Rebellion (attack on Moncada Barracks by 26th of July Movement)
Egypt	1956	Nationalization of Suez Canal
Liberia	1847	Independence Day
Maldives		Independence Day
27		Saturday
Austria	1955	Restoration of sovereignty under postwar Four Powers' Agreement
North Korea	1953	Korean Victory Day (date of armistice)
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republics of Croatia and Bosnia)
28		Sunday
Peru	1821	Independence Day

July-
August 1985

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29 **Monday**

- Nigeria** 1966 Coup d'etat by Col. Yakubu Gowon overthrows military government of Major General Aguiyi-Ironsi and establishes Federal Military Government
 1975 Coup d'etat by Brig. Murtala Ramat Muhammad overthrows General Gowon and establishes Federal Executive Council

30 **Tuesday**

- Vanuatu** 1980 Independence Day

31 **Wednesday**

- Spain, France** 1969 St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques)
 Founding of Basque Fatherland and Freedom (ETA)

1 **Thursday**

Benin	1960	Independence Day
Switzerland	1291	Independence Day

2 **Friday**

Italy	1980	Bologna train station bombed; neofascist Armed Revolutionary Nuclei believed responsible
Vietnam	1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident
Yugoslavia	1903	Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

3 **Saturday**

Burkina	1983	Coup overthrowing previous military regime (led to 1984 renaming of Upper Volta)
Cyprus	1977	Death of President Makarios
Equatorial Guinea	1979	Coup d'etat (Macias regime overthrown)
	1980	National Day
Niger	1960	Independence Day
Tunisia	1903	President Bourguiba's birthday

4 **Sunday**

August 1985

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5 Monday

**The Bahamas, Grenada,
Jamaica** 1962 Emancipation Day (independence from United Kingdom)

Burkina 1960 Independence Day

6 Tuesday

Bolivia 1825 Independence Day

United Arab Emirates 1966 Accession Day of Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nayhan, Emir of Abu Dhabi

7 Wednesday

Ivory Coast 1960 Independence Day

8

Thursday

Guatemala

1983

Coup by Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores overthrows President Rios Montt

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Friday

Northern Ireland

1971

Internment without trial introduced

Singapore

1965

Independence Day (secession from Federation of Malaysia)

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Saturday

Ecuador

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Independence Day

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Chad

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Independence Day

Jordan

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Accession Day for King Hussein

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12**Monday****Northern Ireland**

1689

Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces

13**Tuesday****Central African Republic** 1960

Independence Day

Cuba

1927

Fidel Castro's birthday

14**Wednesday****Bahrain**

1971

Independence Day

Pakistan

1947

Independence Day

1977

Anniversary of Gen. Zia-ul-Haq's military takeover

15

Thursday

Bangladesh	1975	Military coup and assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
Burma	1939	Burmese Communist Party established
Congo	1960	Independence Day (overthrow of Youlou regime)
India	1947	Independence Day
North and South Korea	1945	Liberation Day

16

Friday

Cyprus	1960	Independence Day
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Saturday

Gabon	1960	Independence Day
Indonesia	1945	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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19**Monday**

Czechoslovakia 1968 Invasion by Soviet and Warsaw Pact troops

20**Tuesday**

Morocco 1953 King's and People's Revolution
 Senegal 1960 Independence Day (withdrawal from Mali Federation)

21**Wednesday**

Afghanistan 1919 Independence Day
 Philippines 1983 Assassination of Benigno Aquino by government security forces

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Romania 1944 Liberation Day

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France 1944 Liberation Day
Uruguay 1825 Independence Day

**August-
September 1985**

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26**Monday**

- Hong Kong 1945 Liberation Day
 Namibia 1966 Namibia Day (South-West Africa came under UN control)

27**Tuesday**

- Muslim world *Id al-Adha* (commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son)
 Northern Ireland 1979 Assassination of Earl Mountbatten by Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA)

28**Wednesday**

29**Thursday****Czechoslovakia** 1944 Slovak nationalist uprising

30**Friday**

31**Saturday**

Malaysia	1957	Freedom Day; Malaysia Day (independence from United Kingdom)
Poland	1980	Solidarity trade union founded
Trinidad and Tobago	1962	Independence Day

1**Sunday**

Central African Republic	1981	Coup brings Kolingba regime to power
Ethiopia	1961	Eritreans begin armed struggle
Libya	1969 1973	Coup overthrows monarchy Oil companies nationalized
Palestinians	1970	During this month, the Jordanian Army drove the Palestinian guerrillas out of the country because they would not stop attacking Israel from Jordanian soil; in response, the largest group, Fatah, established the covert Black September Organization, best known for its attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich
West Germany, Europe	1939	Antiwar Day (anniversary of Nazi invasion of Poland)

September 1985

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South Africa		Settlers' Day
Vietnam	1945	Independence Day

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Tuesday

Belgium	1944	Liberation Day
Peru	1982	Death of Sendero Luminoso leader Edith Lagos
Qatar	1971	Independence Day

4

Wednesday

Chile 1970 Election of President Salvador Allende

5**Thursday**

Senegal	1960	Declaration of republic
West Germany	1972	Munich Olympics massacre: Black September Organization kills 11 Israelis; five Arab terrorists and a West German policeman also die

6**Friday**

Palestinians	1970	Beginning of four-day multiple airline hijacking by PFLP: US plane destroyed in Cairo; second US plane, Swissair DC-8, and British DC-8 all destroyed in Jordan; attempted hijacking of El Al plane
Swaziland	1973	Independence Day

7**Saturday**

Brazil	1822	Independence Day
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8**Sunday**

India	1982	Death of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the "Lion of Kashmir"
Lithuanian SSR	1918	National Day (beginning of independence from Russia during period between world wars)

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9**Monday**

- Bulgaria 1944 Liberation Day
 China 1976 Death of Mao Zedong
 North Korea 1948 National Day

10**Tuesday**

- Belize 1798 National Day (Battle of St. George's Bay)
 Guinea-Bissau 1974 Republic Day (independence from Portugal)
 Turkey 1922 Founding of Turkish Communist Party

11**Wednesday**

- Chile 1973 Anniversary of coup overthrowing Allende by military junta led by Augusto Pinochet
 Ethiopia 1952 Return of Eritrea from Italian and British control under UN resolution
 Philippines 1962 Birthday of President Ferdinand Marcos

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Ethiopia

1974

Overthrow of Haile Selassie

Thursday

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Lebanon

1982

Death of Phalangist leader and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel

Saturday

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Muslim world

Hejira (New Year)

Costa Rica,
El Salvador,
Guatemala,
Honduras,
Nicaragua

1821

Independence Day

Jewish world

Rosh Hashanah (New Year)

Lebanon

1982

Israeli invasion of Muslim West Beirut

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16**Monday**

- Mexico** 1810 Independence Day
Papua New Guinea 1975 Independence Day

17**Tuesday**

- Lebanon** 1982 Massacre in Shatila and Sabra refugee camps (17 September Organization takes its name from this event)

18**Wednesday**

- Chile** 1810 Independence Day

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Thursday

St. Christopher
and Nevis 1983 Independence Day

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Friday

Lebanon 1984 Bombing of US Embassy annex

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Saturday

Belize 1981 Independence Day
Malta 1964 Independence Day
Philippines 1972 Martial law established

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Sunday

Iran, Iraq 1980 Outbreak of Iran-Iraq war
Mali 1960 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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23**Monday**

- New Zealand 1907 Dominion Day
 Saudi Arabia 1932 Unification of the kingdom
 1964 National Day

24**Tuesday**

- Ghana 1979 Inauguration of Third Republic

25**Wednesday**

- Egypt, Jordan 1984 Resumption of diplomatic relations
 Jewish world *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement)
 Mozambique 1964 Revolution Day

26

Thursday

North Yemen 1962 Proclamation of republic (anniversary of revolution)
South Yemen National Day

27

Friday

Spain Basque National Party (PNV) Day

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Saturday

Egypt 1970 Death of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir

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**September-
October 1985**

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30**Monday**

- Botswana** 1966 Independence Day
Indonesia 1965 Abortive Communist coup

1**Tuesday**

- China** 1949 National Day (Communist victory over Nationalist forces)
Cyprus 1960 Independence Day
Indonesia Pancasila Day (celebrates five-point national ideology, which is opposed by conservative Muslims)
Nigeria 1960 Independence Day
1963 Republic Day
Spain 1936 Generalissimo Franco assumes power
1939 Caudillo Day
1975 Four policemen killed in Madrid by First of October Antifascist Resistance Group (GRAPO)
1976 GRAPO claims responsibility for a series of coordinated bombings

2**Wednesday**

- Guinea** 1958 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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Iraq 1932 Independence Day

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Lesotho 1966 Independence Day (day Moshoeshoe II took oath of office as king for life)

Friday

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Portugal 1910 Proclamation of republic

Saturday

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Egypt 1981 Armed Forces Day
 Assassination of President Anwar Sadat

Israel, Arab world 1973 Arab-Israeli war

Shiite world *Ashura* (commemorates assassination of Imam Hasan)

Thailand 1976 Military coup against civilian rule; police storm Thammasat University

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7**Monday**

- Botswana 1966 Independence Day
 East Germany 1949 Republic Day
 Libya 1970 Fascist Evacuation Day (departure of last Italian settlers)

8**Tuesday**

- Argentina 1895 Birthday of Juan Peron
 Cuba 1967 Heroic Guerrilla Day (death of Che Guevara in Bolivia)

9**Wednesday**

- Burma, North and South Korea 1983 North Korean commandos detonate massive bomb in Rangoon in attempt to assassinate South Korean President, killing 19 South Korean and Burmese officials
 Uganda 1962 Independence Day

10**Thursday**

Bolivia	1982	Siles government assumes power
El Salvador	1980	Founding of Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)
Taiwan	1911	Anniversary of revolution that led to founding of Republic of China

11**Friday**

North Yemen	1977	Assassination of President Col. Ibrahim Mohammed el Hamadi
Panama	1968	Revolution that brought Omar Torrijos to power
	1972	Constitution Day
South Africa		"International Day of Solidarity With South African Political Prisoners"
Yugoslavia	1943	Uprising Day (anniversary of founding of Macedonian Liberation Army; holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

12**Saturday**

Chile	1965	Movement of Revolutionary Left (MIR) founded
Equatorial Guinea	1968	Independence Day
United Kingdom	1984	Bombing by Provisional IRA of Conservative Party conference in Brighton

13**Sunday**

Fiji	1970	Independence Day
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14**Monday**

- Madagascar 1958 Proclamation of republic
 South Yemen 1967 Independence Day
 Thailand 1973 Overthrow of military dictatorship and return to civilian rule
 Zaire 1930 Birthday of President Mobutu Sese Seko

15**Tuesday**

- Tunisia 1962 Evacuation Day (final departure of French troops from Bizerte)

16**Wednesday**

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| Greece | 1981 | Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK) wins elections |
| West Germany | 1977 | West German commandos storm PFLP-hijacked Lufthansa plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all hostages; imprisoned RAF terrorists Andreas Baader, Jan Karl Raspe, and Gudrun Ensslin subsequently commit suicide |

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Saturday

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| Grenada | 1983 | Execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop by leftists seizing power |
| South Africa | 1977 | Crackdown on black-consciousness organizations |

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Sunday

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| Guatemala | 1944 | Revolution overthrowing Ubico regime and leading to postwar period of reform |
| Mongolia | 1921 | Independence Day |

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Somalia

1969

Anniversary of revolution that brought Siad Barre to power

Monday

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Hungary

1956

Revolt against Soviet occupation

Lebanon

1983

Bombing by Islamic Jihad of US and French components of the Multinational Force--
299 killed

Wednesday

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Thursday

Egypt Popular Resistance Day; Suez Day
Zambia 1964 Independence Day

25

Friday

Grenada 1983 US intervention

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Saturday

Austria 1955 Revolution Day (departure of last post-World War II occupation forces)
Iran Birthday of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Palestinians 1974 Rabat summit conference decides PLO is sole representative of Palestinians

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Sunday

Czechoslovakia 1918 Independence Day

**October-
November 1985**

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Monday

Cyprus		Greek National Day (observed by Greek Cypriot community)
Spain	1982	Socialist victory in general election

29

Tuesday

Cyprus		Turkish Republic Day (observed by Turkish Cypriot community)
Middle East	1956	Israel, France, and the United Kingdom capture Suez Canal
Turkey	1923	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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Wednesday

31**Thursday**

India	1984	Assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards
Iran	1980	Reza Pahlavi declares himself Shah of Iran in exile
Turkey		In late October and November, terrorist activities by the leftwing group Dev Yol have been more numerous than in other months; attacks in 1982 and 1983 appear to have been made in protest of a referendum and an election during November of those years

1**Friday**

Algeria	1981	Revolution Day
Antigua and Barbuda	1981	Independence Day

2**Saturday**

Palestinians	1917	Balfour Day (anniversary of declaration committing Britain to set up Jewish homeland in Palestine)
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3**Sunday**

Dominica	1978	Independence Day
Italy	1918	National Unity Day
Panama	1903	Independence Day
South Korea	1929	Students' Day (student protests against Japanese rule in Kwangju)

November 1985

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4**Monday**

- Ecuador** 1983 Founding of Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA)
- Iran** 1979 Seizure of US Embassy by student radicals
1963 Exile of Ayatollah Khomeini to Turkey

5**Tuesday**

- United Kingdom** 1605 Guy Fawkes Day (Catholic plot to bomb Parliament thwarted)

6**Wednesday**

- Morocco** 1979 Green March Day (anniversary of march by unarmed Moroccan citizens into Spanish Sahara)

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Thursday

Communist world 1917 Great October Socialist Revolution

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Friday

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Saturday

West Germany 1938 *Reichskristallnacht* (Crystal Night—outbreak of anti-Jewish violence)
1974 Death of RAF terrorist Holger Meins from hunger strike

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Sunday

Turkey 1938 Death of Kemal Ataturk

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11**Monday**

- Angola** 1975 Independence Day
Colombia 1957 Declaration of war on central government by People's Liberation Army (EPL)
Mauritania 1984 Coup that brought current regime to power
Zimbabwe 1965 Independence Day

12**Tuesday**

- Austria** 1918 Republic Day

13**Wednesday**

- Syria** 1970 Hafiz al-Assad assumes power

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Thursday

Jordan 1935 King Hussein's birthday

15

Friday

Brazil 1889 Proclamation of republic
Cyprus 1983 Turkish Cypriot unilateral declaration of independence

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Saturday

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Sunday

Greece 1973 Student uprising at Athens Polytechnic University (terrorist group 17 November Movement takes its name from this incident)

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Monday

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| Latvian SSR | | National Day |
| Morocco | 1955 | Independence Day |
| Oman | 1940 | Sultan Qaboos bin Said's birthday |

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Tuesday

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| Ireland | 1798 | Death of Wolfe Tone, first Irish revolutionary (annual nationalist pilgrimage) |
| Mali | 1968 | Liberation Day |

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Wednesday

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| Colombia | 1983 | Passage of amnesty law and legalization of 19th of April Movement (M-19) |
| Mexico | 1910 | Anniversary of revolution overthrowing Diaz regime |
| Saudi Arabia | 1979 | Occupation of Grand Mosque in Mecca by conservative Muslims inspired by Iran |
| Spain | 1936 | Death of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera (founder of Falange) |
| | 1975 | Death of Gen. Francisco Franco and accession of King Juan Carlos |

21

Thursday

Grenada	1973	Bloody Sunday (deaths of New Jewel Movement members)
Libya	1949	Proclamation Day (UN resolution on Libyan independence)

22

Friday

Lebanon	1943	Independence Day
Spain	1975	Proclamation of Juan Carlos as King

23

Saturday

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Sunday

Kuwait	1965	Amir Sabah al-Salim al-Sabah ascends throne
Zaire	1965	Revolution Day (Second Congolese Republic established)

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25**Monday**

- Greece 1973 Coup leading to end of military rule
 Muslim world 571 Birth of Prophet Mohammad
 Suriname 1975 Independence Day

26**Tuesday**

- Mongolia 1924 Founding of republic
 United States, Iraq 1984 Renewal of diplomatic relations

27**Wednesday**

- Philippines Birthday of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino

28**Thursday**

Albania	1912	Independence Day
	1944	Liberation Day
Burundi	1966	Proclamation of republic
Chad	1958	Proclamation of republic
Indonesia	1975	Fretiilin declares East Timor independent
Lebanon	1936	Founding of Phalange Party
Mauritania	1960	Independence Day
Panama	1821	Independence from Spain

29**Friday**

Israel	1947	Proclamation Day
Palestinians	1947	International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People (anniversary of partition)
Yugoslavia	1945	Republic Day

30**Saturday**

Barbados	1966	Independence Day
Benin	1975	National Day
South Yemen	1967 1970	Independence Day Constitution promulgated

1**Sunday**

Iceland	1918	Independence Day
Portugal	1640	Independence Day
Thailand	1942	Founding of Thai Communist Party
Yugoslavia	1918	First independent state constituted

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2**Monday**

- El Salvador 1980 Murder of four American nuns by government troops
 Laos 1975 National Day (proclamation of republic)
 United Arab Emirates 1971 Abu Dhabi National Day (federation of independent emirates took effect)

3**Tuesday**

- Peru 1934 Birthday of Sendero Luminoso leader Abimail Guzman

4**Wednesday**

- Spain 1892 Generalissimo Francisco Franco's birthday

5

Thursday

Spain

1982

Death of GRAPO leader Martin Luna

6

Friday

7

Saturday

Burma

1920

National Day (marks student uprising against British rule)

Ivory Coast

1960

Independence Day

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Sunday

Greece

1974

Declaration of parliamentary republic

Suriname

1982

Execution of 15 opposition leaders

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9**Monday**

Tanzania 1961 Independence Day
 1962 Republic Day

10**Tuesday**

Angola 1956 Founding of Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)
 Middle East 1966 Founding of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

11**Wednesday**

Burkina 1958 Republic Day

12

Thursday

Europe	1979	NATO decision to modernize nuclear forces by installing Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles
Kenya	1963 1964	Independence Day Republic Day
Kuwait	1983	Bombing of US Embassy and other facilities by members of Iraqi Dawa Party

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Friday

Malta	1974	Republic Day
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16**Monday**

- Bahrain 1961 Accession of Shaykh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifah
 1971 Independence Day
- Bangladesh 1971 Victory Day (de facto independence)
 1972 Republican constitution becomes effective
- South Africa 1961 Founding of military arm of African National Congress (ANC), Umkonto we Sizwe

17**Tuesday**

- Bhutan 1907 National Day

18**Wednesday**

- Niger 1958 Republic Day

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Ireland	1948	Proclamation of republic
Nepal	1923	Independence Day
Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

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23**Monday****Egypt****1956****Victory Day (withdrawal of foreign forces from Port Said and Suez)****24****Tuesday****Libya****1951****Independence Day****25****Wednesday****Afghanistan****1979****Beginning of occupation by Soviet troops****Christian world****Christmas****Pakistan****1876****Quaid-i-Azam's birthday**

26

Thursday

China

1893

Mao Zedong's birthday

27

Friday

Indonesia

1949

Transfer of sovereignty from Netherlands

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Saturday

Latin America

Equivalent of US April Fools' Day—traditionally sees many hoaxes and bomb threats

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Sunday

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Philippines

1896

Execution of national hero Jose Rizal

Monday

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Nigeria

1983

Coup overthrowing Shagari regime

Philippines

1968

Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

Tuesday

Confidential